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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
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SUBJECT: Teacher-Student Data Link Collection for 2015-16

For the past four years, the Teacher-Student Data Link (TSDL) has been collected annually from districts across the state for all students in compliance with state and federal requirements. While the benefits associated with gathering this data relative to all students in the state is very valuable in better understanding the delivery of academic programs throughout the public education system in Michigan, feedback has been provided to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) that the local burden of submitting and validating all students' information has proven challenging.

To that end, while the MDE reviews and develops plans necessary under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the decision has been made to pause the TSDL collection for a subset of students in the state. Beginning with the current 2015-16 school year, CEPI will gather a more limited population of students for the TSDL collection. Specifically, the focused areas for the TSDL collection beginning with the 2015-16 collection include:

- Migrant education participants
- Dual enrollment participants (including Early Middle College)
- Advanced and accelerated learning (AP/IB) participants
- Virtual/online learning participants

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For students participating in one or more of these four categories, the student's entire TSDL record must still be provided. CEPI will be providing updated guidance to school districts regarding the end of school year TSDL collection for students participating in one or more of the above four academic categories shortly. We appreciate your patience and interest in making Michigan a Top 10 education state in 10 years.

If you have questions about the changes in this collection, please contact CEPI at 517-335-0505, option 3 or cepi@michigan.gov.

If you have questions about how this change relates to Educator Evaluation, please contact the Office of Educator Talent and Policy Coordination at 517-373-8572 or groff-blaszaka@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance